

*Application No. 10/815,977
Amendment dated June 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 9, 2006*

REMARKS

Acknowledgment by the Examiner of the accepted drawings and claim for foreign priority is gratefully acknowledged.

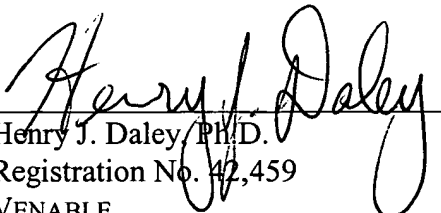
By the present Amendment, claims 10-13 have been cancelled and claim 1 is amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicants submit herewith an accurate translation of the priority document to perfect the March 8, 2003 priority date of this application. Applicant verifies that the attached is an accurate translation of the priority document. Therefore, the Krupke et al. article published July 18, 2003 is no longer prior art. The rejection of claims 1-9 based on Krupke et al. (July 18, 2003) should thus be withdrawn. Since claim 10 has been cancelled, the rejection of that claim based on Krupke (October 28, 2002) is now moot.

It is submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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